

City of Miami Gardens



Department of
Community
Development

Action Plan Amendment #4
(Program Year 1)

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1. INTRODUCTION

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report consists of modifications (amendments) implemented to activities identified in the City of Miami Gardens' 1st Program Year Action Plan (FY 2006-2007), for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs. With the approval of the City Manager, this report delineates adjustments to activities carried out by the Department of Community Development. These amendments were necessary due to a change in the nature of the projects indicated herein.

In an effort to better meet the priorities and needs of low- and moderate income city residents, funding allocations have been increased or decreased appropriately by means of transfer, re-allocation, or de-obligation. All funding determinations are consistent with the goals and objectives set-forth in the 2006-2011 Consolidated Plan in conjunction with the Citizen Participation Plan. As it relates to citizen participation, a summary of the amendments was made available to the public for review and comment. The final amendment will be publicly posted and available on the City's website at www.miamigardens-fl.gov/cd for review by the general public.

As an Entitlement Jurisdiction, the City of Miami Gardens is dedicated to complying with the goals and regulations mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD), while attempting to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and increased economic opportunity for low- and moderate income residents.

The Department of Community Development initiated such amendments with the intent of meeting the following CDBG national objectives: 1) Provide benefits to low-to-moderate income families; 2) Aid in preventing "slums and blight"; 3) To meet other community development needs that have a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

Projects submitted in the 1st Program Year Action Plan were designed to give maximum priority to feasible activities that promote the CDBG national objectives. Furthermore, Entitlement Grant monies, such as CDBG will be awarded by the City of Miami Gardens to agencies and projects which further the national federal objectives. As a result, the same essential factor is exercised when allocating additional funding to existing programs and/or subsidizing initial funding for new applicants.

2. BACKGROUND

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The City of Miami Gardens received its first allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2006. The primary objective of the CDBG Program as set forth by Congress is the “development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.” Federal regulations define persons who are low and moderate-income as those individuals (or households) earning less than 80% of the area median income (AMI) as determined by HUD, adjusted by household size.

Usage of the CDBG funds is guided by the City’s Consolidated Plan for Community Development and Housing programs. The Consolidated Plan establishes a long-range strategy for investment of its HUD resources and other resources linked to activities directed at the community development, housing and homeless services needs. The plan covers a five-year period, beginning October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2011. Lastly, the City must prepare an Annual Action Plan describing actions/strategies designed to fulfill the Consolidated Plan.

As an Entitlement City, Miami Gardens is awarded an annual CDBG allocation on a formula basis. The formula takes into account total population, overcrowding and poverty. CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate income persons. Eligible activities include affordable housing, job creation, business expansion opportunities, and services to the most vulnerable in the community.

The Department of Community Development furthers the HUD national objectives by coordinating the priorities collectively established in annual public hearings, with the CDBG national goals and objectives.

3. AMENDMENTS

DETAIL OF AMENDMENTS

| Number Key | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Activity Code | Amendment Number (activity–P.Y.-amendment #) | Program Yr | Amendment Sequence |
| BNFR (CDBG-Infrastructure Improvements) | BNFR-01-04 | 1 st | 001 |
| BPS (CDBG-Public Services) | BPS-01-04 | 1 st | 002 |
| BHSG (CDBG-Housing) | BHSG-01-04 | 1 st | 003 |

No. BNFR-01-04-001 (*Infrastructure Improvements*): The 2006-2007 Action Plan reflected the provision of infrastructure improvements in selected low-mod census tracts in the City. This activity was to consist of improvements to drainage, water/sewer, street lights, and street reconstruction. Amendment 4 will reduce the amount allocated to this activity by \$60,945.37. This amount will be re-allocated to two activities: Public Services and Single-Family Housing Rehabilitation. The new total amount in the Infrastructure Improvements activity will be **\$439,054.63**.

No. BPS-01-04-002 (*Public Services*): The 2006-2007 Action Plan reflected the provision of public services to the youth and senior population of the City. These services were to be provided by not-for-profit and community agencies, through a competitive request for proposal (RFP) process. Also included in this activity category was the provision of direct homeownership assistance for low-mod residents citywide. Amendment 4 will re-allocate \$5,000 from the infrastructure improvements activity. This will bring the total allocation for public services to **\$104,775.92**.

No. BHSG-01-04-003 (*Housing*): There is no change in the use of funds. As part of the basic inspection for the Housing Rehabilitation Program, the City of Miami Gardens performs a lead paint risk assessment. The assessment is completed for each participating residence receiving assistance of over \$25,000 per unit, and where children under the age of seven or pregnant women reside, this only includes hard costs. A lead paint risk assessment will also be performed for homes where the occupants are not yet determined. If the risk assessment determines a lead based paint hazard exists, the reduction or abatement work necessary to remove the hazard will be prioritized.

This amendment will increase the amount of funds allocated to this activity by \$55,945.37. These funds will be re-allocated from the infrastructure improvement activity to the housing activity category. This will bring the allocation for the housing activity to a new total of **\$594,857.45**.

Summary of Amendments

| Activity | Reduction | Increase | Final Allocated Amount |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Infrastructure Improvements | \$60,944.52 | | \$439,054.63 |
| Public Services | | \$5,000.00 | \$104,775.92 |
| Housing | | \$55,945.37 | \$594,857.45 |